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220 judges, prosecutors and experts in criminal justice from Lima and Iquitos strengthen their capacities through international events carried out by USAID Pro-Integridad Project



International speakers and panelists at the International Congress carried out in Lima from November 24 to 26, 2015

"We arrived as colleagues longing to share part of our knowledge and experiences for Peruvian judges and prosecutors, expecting to contribute to the improvement of the criminal justice administration in their country. We now leave as friends with a special love for Peru, its officials and its people, all this due mainly to the professionalism, gentleness, kindness and unbeatable attention received from USAID and Pro-Integridad personnel who cared for us."

Miguel Abarca Rivas

Assistant Prosecutor against Organized Crime in Costa Rica

Crime in Peru presents itself in new and every time more complex ways, which represents an increasing threat to society. Bringing to justice the perpetrators of crimes requires judges and prosecutors with high level capacity to resolve complex cases. To this end, the experience gained in other countries can be very useful to identify lessons learned and best practices that can then be implemented in Peru.

In response to this need, USAID Pro-Integridad, in partnership with the British Embassy in Lima, held an international conference in Lima from November 24 to 26, 2015, with the participation of speakers from Costa Rica, Chile, United States and Great Britain. Covered were such issues as the fight against corruption, drug trafficking, money laundering and the procedure of cases *en flagrante delicto*.

In addition, on November 27, 2015, Pro-Integridad presented a conference in Iquitos with the participation of two prosecutors from Costa Rica specializing in corruption and asset laundering crimes.

Both academic events brought together a large number of participants in Lima (122) and Iquitos (100), who, through their interventions, generated debate and exchange of ideas on the topics discussed. The feedback from attendees was overall positive. The feedback noting that the activities in both Lima and Iquitos exceeded their expectations and appreciation and thanks were extended to the speakers, panelists and USAID Pro-Integridad Project for providing tools to strengthen their capabilities in the new criminal justice system. In Iquitos, the judges and prosecutors also expressed their gratitude for the fact that they were considered as a site for an international event which rarely happens in that city and the region.

The international speakers expressed their appreciation to the Project for the opportunity given to them to share their experiences with the Peruvian colleagues and giving them the opportunity to contribute to improving the work that they perform.

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